

Weekly Bulletin
October 12, 2025
The Sunday of the
7th Ecumenical Council

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (No Sunday School today)
Memorials: Sofia Kokkokios, Gregorios Tolios, Ioannis Tolios, Stamata Tolios
Artoclasia: In honor of Q3 Ministries
Fellowship Hour: No host today. Please see the sign up below if you can help in the future.
40 Day Blessings Lauren Dellaria with her son, Joseph

MONDAY

OCTOBER 12

Orthros
Divine Liturgy (No Sunday School today)
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Lauren Dellaria with her son, Joseph

OCTOBER 13: COLUMBUS DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos Meeting at St. Nicholas Church in Oak Lawn
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting
4:30 p.m. Greek School and Ice Cream Social
7:00 p.m. GOYA
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters practice

OCTOBER 14

Clergy Syndesmos Meeting at St. Nicholas Church in Oak Lawn
Caregivers Support Meeting
Greek School and Ice Cream Social
GOYA
League of Chanters practice

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. Jr. GOYA
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

OCTOBER 15

Bereavement Group Meeting
Jr. GOYA
Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. YAL Kickoff Event at Alter Brewing in Oak Brook

OCTOBER 16

Bible Study
Greek School
Neolea Dance Troupe
Parish Council Meeting
YAL Kickoff Event at Alter Brewing in Oak Brook

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. GOYA/JrGOYA Fall Retreat
7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

OCTOBER 17

GOYA/JrGOYA Fall Retreat
Small Paraklesis

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Annual Philoptochos Fashion Show and Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Vespers

OCTOBER 18: FEAST DAY OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Annual Philoptochos Fashion Show and Luncheon
Vespers

Epistle Reading – Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading – Luke 8:5-15

Parish Assembly Meeting October 19, 2025: All parishioners are encouraged to attend this important meeting following the liturgy. See the agenda in the bulletin.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed: We have a few dates coming up that are available: 11/2, 11/9, and 11/23. Sign up and instructions are found with the QR code.



Resurrectional Apolytikion - Mode 1.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον - Ἦχος α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τοῦ λίθου sphragisthéntos ypó ton Ioudaíon, ke stratióton fylassónton to áchrandon sou sóma, Anéstis triímeros Sotír, doróumenos to kósmo tin zoín. Diá toúto e Dynámeis ton ouranón evóon si Zoodóta: Dóxa ti Anástasi sou Christe, Dóxa ti Vasileía sou, Dóxa ti Oikonomía sou, móne Philánthrope.

The Epistle – Titus 3:8 – 15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel – Luke 8: 5-15

The Lord said this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Ministries Artoklasia: Today's Artoklasia is to celebrate and pray for all Holy Apostles' ministries and to specifically recognize their outreach service projects from June through September 2025.

- GOYA: Packed 50 bags with food that were taken by parishioners to a senior facility in Pilsen as part of Project HOPE.
- Parish Family Ministry: Volunteered at the Westchester Food Pantry helping clients shop for food supplies.
- Fifth Saturday Serve Day: Made snack and meal kits for patients at the Loyola Ronald McDonald House.
- Missions/Philoptochos: Project HOPE ongoing food collection donated to the Hillside Food Pantry.
- Missions/Parish Family/Philoptochos: Hosted a Lenten service project to assemble birthday bags for clients of the Westchester Food Pantry.
- Philoptochos: Pillars and Rocks Fall senior visits; visited the Casa Maravilla senior housing facility in Pilsen distributing food and care packages while interacting with residents; volunteered at Feed My Starving Children; restocked "comfort closets" at three school districts and donated school supplies to help underserved students as part of the Operation Classroom initiative.

2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference will take place at the Meridian Banquet & Conference Center in Rolling Meadows, IL on November 5-6, 2025. Holy Apostles will need to nominate two delegates from our parish to join Fr. George and Jim Maragos there during our Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 19. If you're interested in being a delegate at this year's Clergy-Laity Assembly, please contact the office.

Parish Database & Directory: PAPER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE COFFEE HOUR

We are in the process of updating the Holy Apostles Parish database and need your help to ensure it is complete and accurate. We ask stewards to provide all the requested information for our office records. If your children are over the age of 18, please have them fill out a separate form. Please take a few moments to provide your household's contact information.

HOLY APOSTLES DIRECTORY & CONTACT UPDATE

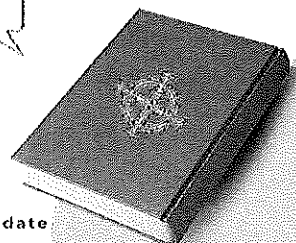
Holy Apostles is updating their contact database and simultaneously making a directory book. We ask all parishioners to fill out the form linked below to update their contact information for our database, then may choose whether or not to be included in the directory.
More details linked below.

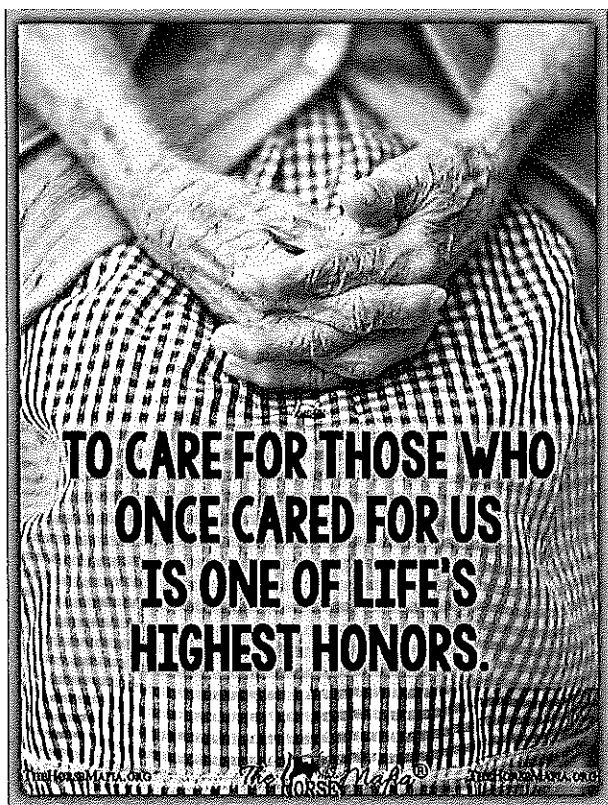
**ALL
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Volunteers Also Needed





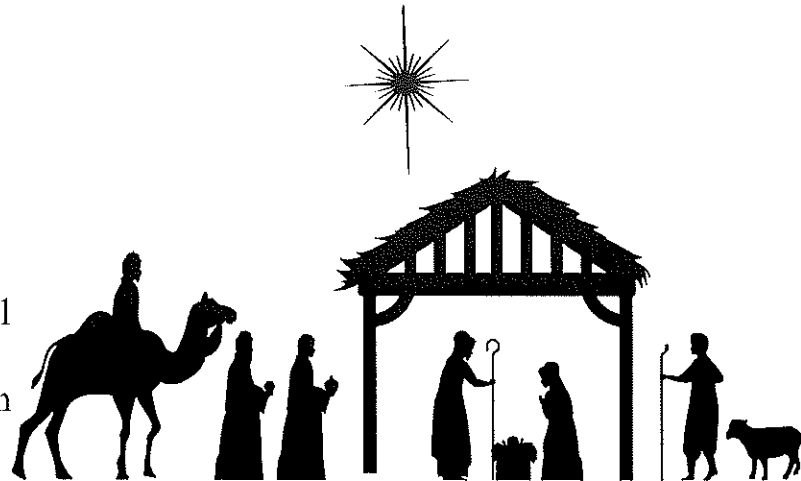
Caregiver Support Group: Please join us on Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 pm in the Philoptochos room. Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

Help Wanted: Looking to give back and serve God?

- We need volunteers to bring or cook dinner for the JOY ministry (20-30 children ages 5-12). Contact Alexa at Youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com to learn more!
- Youth in the Loft is looking for an assistant to help with the ministry and high school students. If interested, please contact Bette Schieber at Loft@holypostleschurch.com
- We are looking for drivers who can pick up parishioners who are unable to drive themselves to church services. Please contact the church office if you're interested in volunteering.

**Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant:
Sunday, December 14th**

We are pleased to announce that the children of the Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 14th. Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some



serving as narrators. High school students are encouraged to sign up to be assistants. High school vocalists and instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble please call or text Zoe Tomaras (630-476-0223) or email christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com. Information will be mailed to all Sunday School students in October with complete details of rehearsals and forms to register to participate. Non-registered youth are welcome to perform. These forms will also be available at church. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 2nd. An informational table will be set up in the multipurpose room on Sundays, October 19th and October 26th for registration as well. Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, with any additional questions or more information at christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com. or call/text 630-640-5811.



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

JOIN THE HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Join us in this ministry with the goal of supporting the health of our families through education, health promotion, and resources.

IDENTIFY NEEDS
ORGANIZE SESSIONS
BECOME A SPEAKER
AND MORE



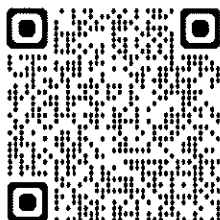
HEALTHCARE@HOLYPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

Healthcare Ministry: Please consider joining our new healthcare ministry. There is a zoom meeting for all interested in getting more information on October 14, 2025 at 7:00pm. To join, scan the QR code, or use Meeting ID: 912 7024 2349 and Passcode: 131495

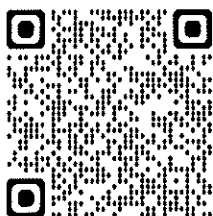


Why do we need a Foundation? Holy Apostles will be able to accept donations, gifts and bequests and invest those funds for future use. Foundation donations will be invested and the investment proceeds will be used for future programs and projects as identified by the Parish Council. For more information, visit the Foundation section of the Holy Apostles website.

GO BEARS! Join us for a potluck and watch party as the Chicago Bears face the Baltimore Ravens. Please bring something to share. Please sign up with the QR to the right.



PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation: The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students and will distribute \$250,000 in scholarship awards to exceptional undergraduates.



Eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply. Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by January 31, 2026. For questions or more information, please email scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or call 312-357-6432.





**OCT 26
NOON
FOLLOWING
DIVINE LITURGY**

**WATCH
THE GAME**

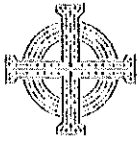
**HOLY
APOSTLES
MULTI-
PURPOSE
ROOM**

**KIDS &
ADULTS
FLAG
FOOTBALL**

**NORTH
LAWN**



parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com



HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO



To: Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Stewards

Re: 2025 Semi-Annual Parish Assembly Meeting, Sunday, October 19, 2025

The Semi-Annual 2025 Parish Assembly Meeting for the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025 immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the multi-purpose room. Parishioners who have submitted and/or fulfilled their 2025 stewardship pledge will be invited to cast their votes for motions presented at the meeting. The drafted minutes from the May 4, 2025 Parish Assembly Meeting and the proposed 2026 budget will be available in the church office for your review beginning Thursday, October 9.

Agenda

Opening Prayer
Election of Chairperson of Assembly
Appointment of Secretary
Opening Remarks
Minutes of the May 2025 Parish Assembly
Ecclesiastical Report
Treasurer's Report & Stewardship
Approval of 2026 Budget
Building & Grounds Report
Capital Projects and Capital Campaign

Father George Dokos
Patty Pappas
Chairperson of Assembly
James Maragos, President
Patty Pappas, Secretary
Father George Dokos
George Antonopoulos, Treasurer

Norm Pomrening
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Question & Answer Session Regarding
Technology
Youth Ministries
Philoptochos
Sunday School
Greek School
Missions Ministry
Cemetery Plots

James Maragos

Old Business

Healthcare Ministry

Mary Maragos

New Business

Parish Data Collection and Directory

Election of Clergy Laity Delegates

Lou Kafkes/Katy Fisher

James Maragos

Closing Remarks

James Maragos

Closing Prayer

Father Nicholas Georgiou

Your attendance and opinions are essential to the success and the future of our parish.

Yours in Christ,

+ Fr. George Dokos

Father George Dokos
Presiding Priest

James Maragos

James Maragos
Parish Council President

PHILOPTOCHOS

"Share the Warmth"



Month of October

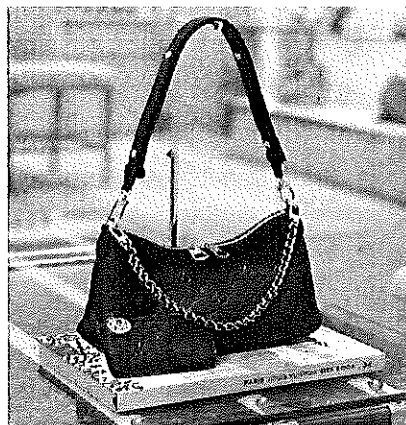
Your donation of gently used Adult and Children's coats to benefit Warm Coats for Cool Kids and Repeat Boutique will help those in need. Please bring your donations to the coat racks in the multi-purpose room.

Thank you for your support!

Luxe RAFFLE

Buy a \$20 raffle ticket to be entered to
win TWO luxurious items from

Louis Vuitton



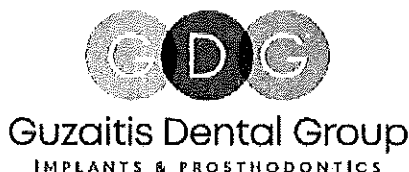
Step into luxury with our exclusive Luxe Raffle prizes – a stunning Louis Vuitton Boulogne PM handbag and Romy Card holder duo that blends elegance, function and timeless style. *Total Retail Value \$3,555.*

A portion of the proceeds from this raffle will benefit
The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation & The FAITH Endowment

Purchase event and raffle tickets here



We would like to thank the Guzaitis Dental Group for their generous sponsorship of these prizes.



Louis Vuitton prizes are not eligible for returns or exchanges. Winner need not be present

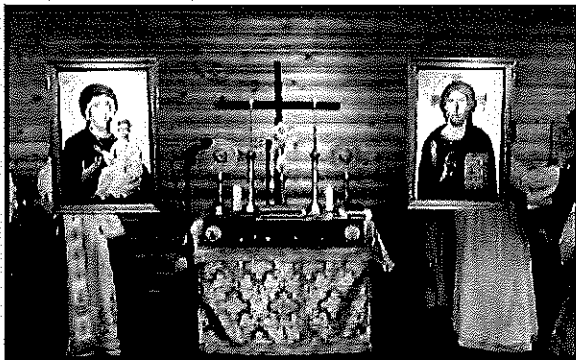


JR. GOYA & GOYA FALL RETREAT

October 17- October 18, 2025

**Come for fun, games
and a deep dive into
Divine Liturgy**

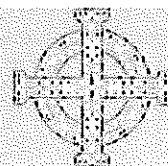
**Forms and
NONREFUNDABLE \$40
Deposit due to Alexa or
churchoffice on October 14th**



**Friday, October 17-
Saturday October 18th**

- ▼ 6:00PM arrive at HA
- ▼ 6:30 PM leave for SIRC
- ▼ 12:15PM Go Apple Picking-Sat.
- ▼ Be Back at church by 3:45pm
Saturday

Send forms to Alexa at
YouthDirector@HolyApostlesChurch.com
Pick up forms at Youth Table or Front Office



HOLY APOSTLES



**CALLING ALL YOUNG
ADULTS 18-35 YEARS OLD:
HOLY APOSTLES YAL
FALL KICK-OFF**

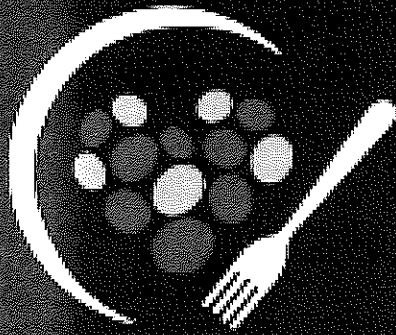
**OCTOBER, 16, 2025
7:30PM**

**@ALTER BREWING
1170 W 22ND ST, OAK BROOK, IL
60523**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRITNEY PAPPAS:
YAL@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM**



HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE



WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

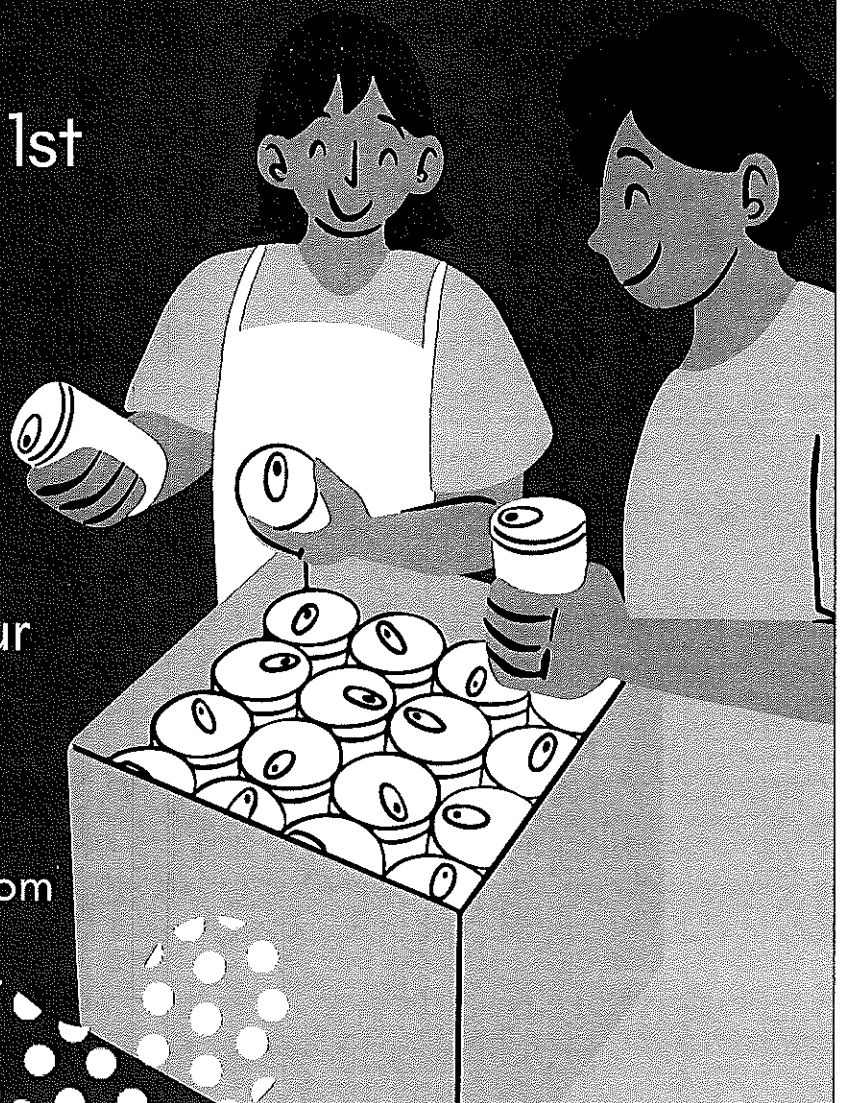
Saturday, November 1st
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Sign up deadline
October 25th

Sign up with the link in your
weekly email.

Questions?

parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com



Seniors, please join us at

KOUKLA'S KAFENIO

For: Greek Luncheon & Entertainment

Date: Thursday, November 13th

Time: 12 – 3pm

Place: Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

All Seniors are invited to a lively afternoon of
Greek music, singing and dancing!



We will honor our Veterans for Veterans Day



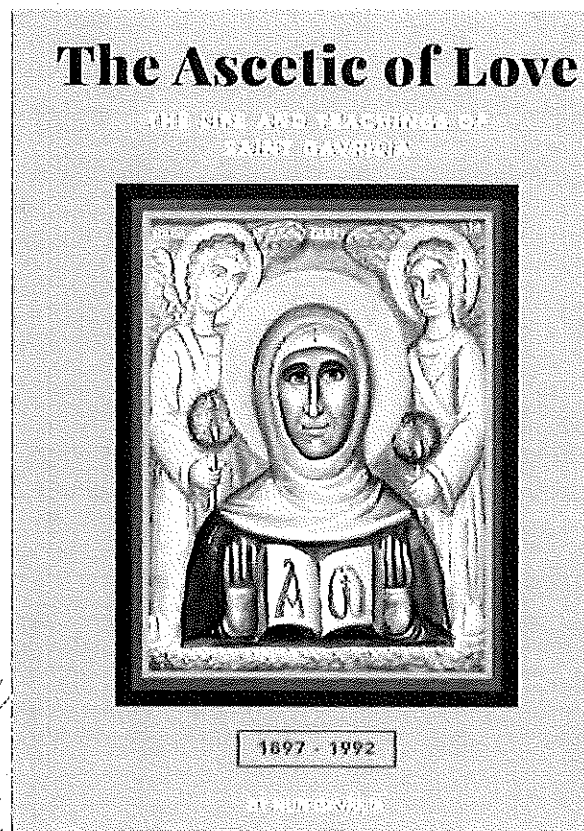
Please RSVP by Friday, November 7th to Bess Shizas at (708) 703-2732


We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. If you'd like to donate, please bring winter hats, gloves, scarves for men/women.

DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

ALTERNATING
THURSDAYS
7:15 PM-8:30 PM

- **Sept. 25** - Introducing St. Gavrilia & the book, "The Ascetic of Love"
- **Oct. 9** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 2
- **Oct. 23** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 3
- **Nov. 6** - Final Reflections on St. Gavrilia and Her Relevance for Our Lives





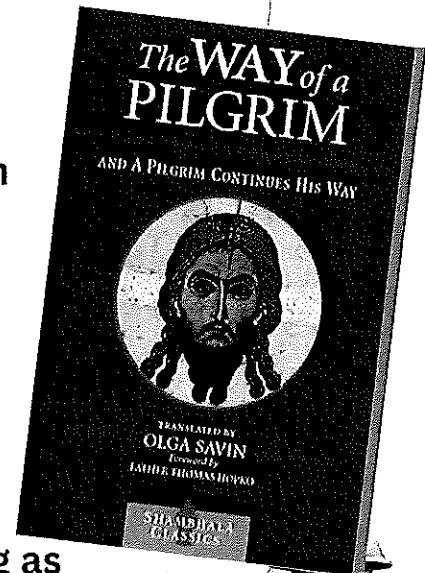
Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are invited to join us on a journey through "The Way of a Pilgrim", as we follow the Pilgrim's path and explore his quest for a life of continual prayer to God.

When: Thursday, December 4, 7:15 pm

Where: Holy Apostles Multi-purpose room

What: "The Way of a Pilgrim and A Pilgrim Continues His Way" (any edition).



BYOM: Bring your own mug as hot drinks will be provided.

Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at

PresChrista@gmail.com



O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Save Us.

Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

Voice

Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer -

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ci -ful God. That for - all -our - faults He may grant For-give-ness To our souls

ni - The - o i - na - pte - sma - ton a - fe - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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